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Two issues of Sovetskaya Estopiya provide additional information on the March-April shake-up in the Estonian Party and government. The Eighth Plenum of the TsK KP(b) of Estonia, described below as having taken place at the end of March, may be presumed to have taken place between 25 and 31 March 1950.

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The Eighth Regular Plenum of the TsK KP(b) of Estonia was held at the end of March, according to a notice in Sovetskaya Estoniya on 9 April 1950. The plenum heard and discussed the TsK VKP(b) decree "On Errors and Shortcomings in the Work of the TsK KP(b) of Estonia." P. K. Ponomarenko, TsK VKP(b) secretary, participated in the plenum's work.

The following took part in the discussion: comrades N. G. Karotamm, A. N. Yanus, V. P. Khizhnyakov, E. V. Ristmyagi, I. Ya. Suyya, I. G. Kebin, G. Ya. Ayo, A. R. Matusevich, A. F. Kryundel', N. I. Turkestanov, R. I. Shifer, L. N. Lentsman, I. P. Yeremin, V. Ya. Leyede, A. A. Torf, P. V. Anisimov, P. A. Goryachkov, E. A. Yanimyagi, G. I. Shevchenko, Ye. V. Stepanov, I. I. Belyayev, A. T. Veymer, A. V. Sokolov, E. N. Pyall', A. A. Kel'berg, A. K. Meri, M. G. Asnin, G. I. Latyshev, A. D. Rumyantsev, A. A. Myurisepp, M. Ya. Laosson, S. A. Strazd, A. Ya. Ansberg, A. M. Yakobson, A. A. Gendrikson, A. I. Olin, I. T. Kotov, N. G. Pusep, B. S. Tolbast, A. A. Shishkin, D. M. Kuz'min, V. I. Kuuzik, A. I. Rezev, K. P. Boytsov, A. M. Vakha, L. P. Lambakakhar, I. Ya. Lombak, A. I. Pusep, O. A. Lauristin, A. I. Raud, K. M. Paas, B. G. Kum, G. G. Allik, Yu. F. Tel'man, and I. M. Saat.

The plenum adopted a decree on measures to improve the work of Party, soviet, and economic organizations, as well as to correct the errors and shortcomings in the work of the TsK KP(b) of Estonia. The plenum also examined certain organizational problems.

The plenum relieved Comrade N. G. Karotamm as first secretary, TsK KP(b) of Estonia.

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The plenum elected Comrade I. G. Kebin first secretary of the TsK KP(b) of Estonia. Other secretaries elected were comrades D. M. Kuz'min, A. A. Kel'berg, and A. N. Yanus.

The plenum relieved the following members of the Bureau of the TsK KP(b) of Estonia: comrades N. G. Karotamm, E. N. Pyall', B. G. Kumm, F. V. Zozulya. P. V. Timofeyev, candidate for membership in the Bureau, was also relieved.

The plenum elected the following to the Bureau of the TsK KP(b) of Estonia: comrades D. M. Kuz'min, A. A. Kel'berg, A. N. Yanus, and A. M. Yakobson.

Sovetskaya Estoniya of 12 April announced that a meeting of active members of the Tallin City Party organization opened 11 April to discuss the results of the Eighth Plenum of the TsK KP(b) of Estonia. Kryundel', secretary, Tallin City Party Committee, opened the conference. I. G. Kebin, first secretary, KP(b) of Estonia, spoke.

The following participated in the discussion: Yakobson, deputy chairmen, Central Council of Trade Unions of Estonia; Laksberg, secretary, Nymmeskiy Rayon Committee, KP(b) of Estonia; Buzulukov, representing the Academy of Sciences Estonian SSR; Gudilkin, TsK VKP(b) Party organizer at the construction trust; Kurme, secretary, Kalininskiy Rayon Committee, KP(b) of Estonia; and Kal'dam, representing the Republic Party School.

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